

The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in special session, Thursday, January 14, 2016 in the High School Media Center. President Rosonke called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with directors Baltes, Denner, Matthews, Schwickerath, Board Secretary Ayers, Superintendent Jurens, and board attorney Beth Hanson.

Director Denner moved to approve the agenda. Director Matthews seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Matthews yes, Denner yes, Joe yes, Baltes yes, Schwickerath yes.

The Board discussed the options for the nature of the meeting on student discipline. The four options were; not to do anything, have a meeting to listen to the tape of the student hearing, conduct a new hearing, or do something else. Director Schwickerath indicated he would prefer to review the tape of the student hearing and then deliberate. Director Baltes agreed with Schwickerath and thought it would be appropriate to listen to the student hearing tape and then deliberate. Baltes believed all the information needed would be on the tape to make an informed decision. Director Denner asked if there was a need to conduct a new hearing. Director Baltes reaffirmed his position to listen to the tape. Director Matthews affirmed the best option was to listen to the tape and deliberate. Director Rosonke favored listening to the tape and deliberate. Director Denner moved to listen to the tape recording of the student hearing and deliberate on the facts. Director Schwickerath seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Denner yes, Schwickerath yes, Baltes yes, Rosonke yes, Matthews yes.

President Rosonke asked to set the date of the new hearing on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 6:00 or 6:30 pm if that would work. Director Denner said that 6:30 pm would work best for him. The students' attorney Erich Priebe did not have a preference on time. He requested if he could make a brief statement. Priebe believes that there is additional information available and would like the Board to consider the option of a new hearing. Board Attorney Hanson responded that the board has made a decision to review the information from the previous hearing and the deliberation does not need further comment from any attorney. Hanson suggested that when the meet on January 21, 2016 the Board could decide if they wanted to hear a closing statement from Priebe summarizing the evidence. Priebe responded that he would like the opportunity to summarize the evidence and believes that there is additional information for the Board to consider. Hanson responded that this hearing is not an evidentiary hearing. The hearing is only a deliberation and it would not be appropriate to introduce new evidence. Priebe responded that there is an ongoing investigation and understands the Boards' position. He asked that the record reflects his position that there is additional information and the Board should hear the new evidence. Hanson asked Priebe if he was requesting a new hearing. Priebe responded yes. Priebe also requested that any decision maker in this new meeting not be conflicted. Only board those members who did not have a conflict of interest that would prevent them from deciding this case fairly. Attorney Hanson asked Priebe who he believed had a conflict of interest. Priebe stated they believe that Joe Rosonke has a conflict of interest in this matter and potentially other members and again discovery is ongoing and investigation is ongoing. Hanson asked Priebe if he wanted to present the evidence of a conflict of interest now. Priebe said that they will present the evidence in advance of the meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2016. Attorney Hanson said she would accept the evidence prior to the meeting. Attorney Hanson asked Priebe if the family intended the Thursday meeting to be in the open. Attorney Priebe responded in the affirmative. Hanson said she would help draft the agenda so the public would know there may be more information presented. Board President Rosonke announced that the special meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Director Matthews moved to adjourn at 6:08 pm. Director Baltes seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Denner yes, Schwickerath yes, Baltes yes, Rosonke yes, Matthews yes.

Attest: February 8, 2016



Joe Rosonke  
Board President



Bob Ayers  
Board Secretary